

Arboretum News

Meet and Discover - Spring 1997

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Fifty years ago a group of visionary citizens was determined to start an arboretum for the quickly growing metropolis known as Los Angeles. After all, any area wishing to be perceived as "civilized" and culturally rich needed to have an arboretum like other major cities across the nation. Led by Dr. Samuel Ayres, a noted dermatologist and active mem-

ber of the Southern California Horticultural Society, this group eagerly looked for land appropriate for such an undertaking. Having visited Hawaii several times, Dr. Ayres noted sadly that the Los Angeles semi-arid climate lacked the lush colors which the tropical habitat of Hawaii produces. His particular dream, therefore, was that a new arboretum be founded with the primary purpose to introduce color into the Southern California landscape. In 1947, after successful negotiation with Harry Chandler, the County Board of Supervisors, and the State of California, a tract of 111 acres destined for residential development was purchased from the former Lucky Baldwin ranch for the express purpose of creating an arboretum.

In 1948, the California Arboretum Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit in order to plan and manage the acreage owned jointly by the State and County. Its original Board of Trustees included Dr. Ayres and others dedicated

to the mission of establishing an arboretum as a cultural institution emphasizing research, plant introductions, plant collection displays, education, and botanical pursuits. Fifty years later, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the hard

benefit The Arboretum over the years.

During your next visit, please look for our newly erected Thank You Honor Board which salutes those whose significant annual support makes possible important aspects of Foundation work.

50 Years of Plants and People California Arboretum Foundation 1948-1998

Anniversaries give us a chance to reflect on what has gone before, to be grateful for what we currently have, and also to look ahead at future possibilities. The future



working dreamers who composed the first Board of Trustees and set about the tremendous task of creating The Arboretum of Los Angeles County. Dr. Ayres' wish for color was satisfied by the prodigious activity of Arboretum plant introductions which are responsible for many of the flowering trees which today are commonplace in the Southern California landscape.

In order to express our thanks fully, we are planning several events and projects to celebrate our Golden Anniversary and the many contributions which the Foundation and its members have made to

holds infinite possibilities at The Arboretum, and we are eager to bring them into reality for new generations of visitors. A Garden Guardian program has been launched so that opportunities for commitment will be made available to more people and organizations. For us to continue the dream of our founders, new support resources are important to identify and connect with a tangible list of needs. Therefore, a "wish list" is inserted for your consideration and suggestions. One or two might just pique your fancy, or that of someone you know!

We hope you will feel a certain pride in your Foundation membership during this Biennium Anniversary period and appreciate that your own support makes a difference. You are in good company, not only with the founders of the institution but with all those who have followed over the years in the belief that The Arboretum is a special oasis, a precious resource in our urban surroundings for people and for plants. *

Alice Frost Kennedy - A tribute

Francis Ching, Director,
THE ARBORETUM 1970-1990

Since the 1960's, Alice Frost Kennedy was a volunteer and a board member and officer of arboreta and botanic gardens in Southern California.

She was a friend to everyone who was supportive or would lend an ear to the needs of gardens. An able leader and advocate and a "doer", she firmly believed that the "Arboretum Is For People."

She set forth to lead a drive to increase the membership of the California Arboretum Foundation, from a static 700 in 1970, to more than 3,000 in 1973. During this time, Alice, with the support of Los Voluntarios and the Foundation, was also able to steadily increase the number of active volunteers. They became involved in virtually every possible function of The Arboretum...including both Baldwin Bonanza and Queen Anne Frolic. These were major fund-raisers and community events which opened many new doors to The Arboretum. These were pioneering events for fund-raising activities to support a wave of new programs that were yet to be determined.

For thirty years, Alice set high standards for herself and others who shared in her integrity and tenacity. Because of her love for plants and gardens, both the Foundation and The Arboretum have grown and gained many new friends, and the community has prospered from the programs and activities of The Arboretum.

As CAF President, Alice presided over festivities of the 25th Anniversary of The Arboretum in 1973. In 1998, The Arboretum celebrates its 50th Anniversary. I am certain that her presence will be strongly felt. She has left a great legacy to all. 🌱

Baldwin Bonanza Weekend

Each Spring, our thoughts turn to our gardens. Baldwin Bonanza weekend, May 2, 3 and 4, provides the best opportunity to all to immerse yourself in the glories of nature at its best.

Bring your friends and meet at The Arboretum and discover a variety of plants and trees at Baldwin Bonanza Weekend.

May 2

Celebrate! Celebrate!
50 Years of Plants and People

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

\$30 per person

Be among the first to stroll through the plant sale before it is open to the public. Enjoy *Sample Dining Alfresco*, featuring neighboring restaurants, and support the California Arboretum Foundation by bidding on new and

traditional favorites at the popular annual silent auction.

May 3

Baldwin Bonanza Members only Plant Sale

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Membership Cards are Required for Admittance. Memberships sold at the door.

Baldwin Bonanza Public Plant Sale

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Arboretum Admission Fees Apply

May 4

Baldwin Bonanza Public Plant Sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arboretum Admission Fees Apply. Grand Prize Opportunity Drawing at 2:30 p.m. in front of Ayres Hall. Must be present to win.

CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! 50 YEARS OF PLANTS AND PEOPLE

Do you want to be an Angel?

The Biennium Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the California Arboretum Foundation (CAF) was launched on February 20, with the unveiling of the Thank You Honor Board, located in the Gift Shop Courtyard, and the beginning of the *Garden Guardians Campaign*, an opportunity for corporate, small businesses and individuals to spread their wings in support of THE ARBORETUM of Los Angeles County.

Select your Guardianship area from the enclosed Wish List. An expanded version of the Wish List is available in the Foundation office.

Annual sponsorships are acknowledged in a variety of ways, tailored to each Guardianship level.

All guardianships, except for endowments and benches, require annual renewals for continuation, or end one year

from the anniversary of the gift.

Donors are also encouraged to take partial guardianships under their wings by

GARDEN GUARDIANS



funding a portion, rather than the whole cost of a project.

Please feel free to call Beth Monaghan at the Foundation office (818) 447-8207, to discuss how to spread your wings in support of The Arboretum through the Garden Guardianship Campaign. 🌱

Gift Shop Garden Titles Just in Time for Spring

These Garden titles will help you decide on the Tree, Shrub, and Plant Selections at our 28th Annual Baldwin Bonanza Plant Sale May 3rd & 4th. Many

other fine titles are available in the Gift Shop for your pleasure.

Trees and Shrubs for Temperate Climates
By Gorden Courtright

A classic

for gardeners in western North America, this book was originally created by Courtright to show customers at this garden center what woody plants available in the trade would become in some years' time. \$49.95

"A book that should be on every serious gardener's shelf, the perfect

companion for the Sunset Western Garden Book."

Robert Smaus, Los Angeles Times

Sunset Western Garden Book

Paper \$24.95

- The #1 best selling garden title in California
- More than 6,000 plant listings keyed to 24 Western climate zones
- 2,500 color photos, illustrations, charts, and diagrams
- More than 50,000 plant facts, explaining everything from acid soil to Xeriscaping
- Complete Guide to Plant Selection to help you landscape your garden



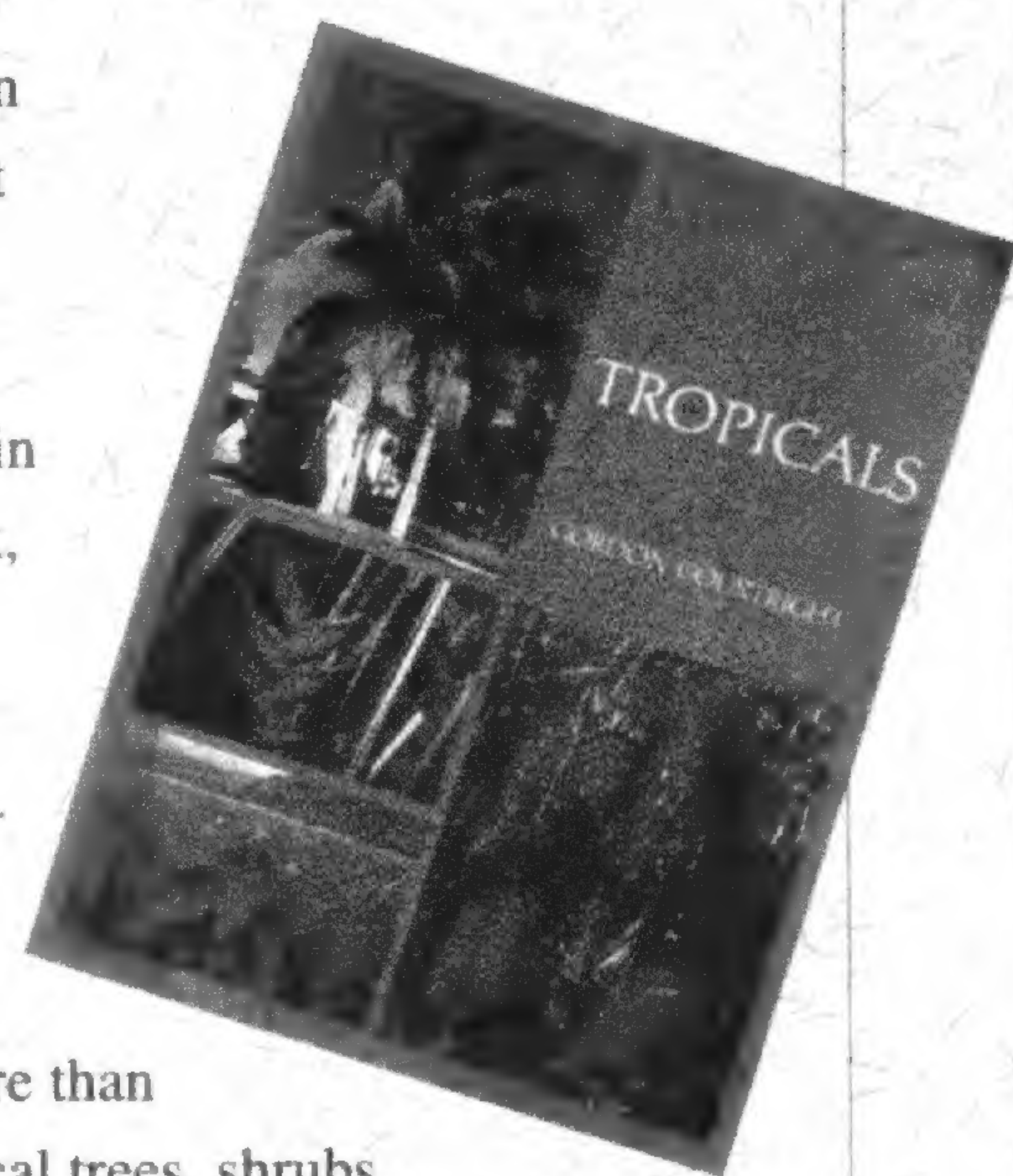
Tropicals

By Gorden Courtright
\$24.95

Now available in paperback, this pictorial encyclopedia illustrates more than

500 tropical trees, shrubs, and vines. Each photograph is accompanied by a brief description indicating the plant's family and origin, dimensions, and common name.

Since it shows mature plants in landscape settings it is perfect planning resource for gardens in Southern California, and similar tropical or subtropical areas.



CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! 50 YEARS OF PLANTS AND PEOPLE

Don't Miss the Sixth Annual Arboretum Gift Shop Orchid Sale

**Saturday and Sunday
March 1 & 2**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sale held in the
Lecture Hall
**CYMBIDIUM
ORCHIDS**

8" pots & 1 to 2 spikes
(limited supply) \$24.95
(10% off to CAF Members)

**Saturday
March 1st Only!!**

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**How to care for
your
Cymbidium
Orchids**

Demonstration
lecture
Lecture Hall A
FREE

A New Name for The Gift Shop?

If Yes, please participate by sending your suggestions by April 1, to:

CAF Gift Shop
Attn: Terry Bible, Manager
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007



Bring a Friend to Membership

As you may know, revenue from California Arboretum Foundation membership fees underwrites garden improvements, provides garden programs and initiates special events. This Spring, invite associates and friends to join you as a member of the CAF. Prospective members will always be grateful to you for the opportunity afforded them by the request.

All membership categories include a discount on Advance Sale Member tickets for The Los Angeles Garden Show; the New Member Orientation Tram Tour; a 13-month membership for all members who join or renew this year, July 1996 through June 1997 (Gardeners' Dozen); a 10% discount at local nurseries; 10% discount at The Gift Shop and discounts on classes and programs.

Here are the membership levels for consideration:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Golden Garden \$35
Two seniors 62+

Individual \$40
One person

Garden \$55
Two adults,
children under 18

Sustainer \$100
Basic member benefits plus:

- Admits four adults to The Arboretum
- Patron of the Garden -provides unlimited visits for two adults and children under 18 to Descanso Gardens, South Coast Botanic Gardens, and by reservation to the Virginia Robinson Gardens

Sponsor \$250

All of the above plus:

- VIP passes to special presentations and lectures
- Name on Thank You Honor Board

Affiliate \$500

All of the above plus:

- Complimentary Arboretum Gift
- Preview Passport to attend Members-Only Preview Plant Sales at four other Gardens: Fullerton Arboretum, Quail Botanical Gardens, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and UC Irvine Arboretum

Benefactor \$1000

All of the above plus:

- Annual Benefactors Recognition
- Private group tour of The Arboretum
- Five Day Pass to The Los Angeles Garden Show

For Information

Call the CAF office at (818) 447-8207



Yes, I want to be a member of the California Arboretum Foundation!

- ☐ **Benefactor Member** (\$1,000/year)
- ☐ **Affiliate Member** (\$500/year)
- ☐ **Sponsor Member** (\$250/year)
- ☐ **Sustainer Member** (\$100/year)
- ☐ **Garden Member** (\$55/year)
- ☐ **Individual Member** (\$40/year)
- ☐ **Golden Garden Member** (\$35/year)

\$ _____ Membership

\$ _____ I have enclosed a donation to benefit The Arboretum

\$ _____ Total Payment Enclosed

Mr. and Mrs./ Ms./Miss/Mr./Mrs.

Address

City, State and Zip

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Phone: Home Office

☐ Check enclosed payable to CAF

☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

☐ American Express

Card #

Expiration Date

Signature

Date

Mail to: Membership Manager
California Arboretum Foundation
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007-2697

Spring Calendar

1997

MARCH

3/1

SATURDAY

CARING FOR YOUR CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS

Dorothyjean Spoelstra
1 - 2 p.m.
Lecture Hall A

Demonstration on dividing and potting of cymbidiums.
Discussion of fertilizing and watering throughout the year for best blooms.

No fee.

3/1 & 3/2

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

CYMBIDIUM SALE

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lecture Hall B

3/8

SATURDAY

PERENNIALS FOR YOUR YEAR ROUND GARDEN

Walter Fouts
Landscape Designer
10 a.m. - Noon
Lecture Hall A

Learn about perennials, the backbone of all gardens in our temperate climate. As diverse as any group of plants can be, you'll understand why they are a big encouragement for beginning gardeners, and the mainstay for advanced gardeners.

Registration Requested
Members \$10
Non-members \$13

3/16

SUNDAY

JAMESON LECTURE #3 PARADISE TRANSFORMED

Guy Cooper, Landscape
Designer and Author
2 p.m., Ayres Hall
Sherry Tea will follow

This lecture covers the leading edge of contemporary private garden design since 1980, and highlights Cooper's new book, *Paradise Transformed*. Private gardens created by leading international landscape designers will be highlighted through slides and narrative. Thirty gardens, including 15 in the U.S., offer views of the private garden in the 21st century.

Reservations Required
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$15

3/19

WEDNESDAY

SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING

Leigh Talmo
Horticulture Instructor
10 a.m. - Noon, In the Roots
& Shoots Garden

This workshop will focus on choosing the right vegetables to plant at this time of year. Leigh will lead a discussion of natural vegetable gardening techniques. Ten minute walk to the Roots and Shoots Garden.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

3/22

SATURDAY

FOUR SEASONS OF HERBS

Paul Alderson, Herb
Specialist - Casa Colina
10 a.m. - Noon
In the Herb Garden

As spring breaks into the garden and the earth is warming, it is time to plant herbs to carry into summer. Discover how herbs can be propagated by seed and cuttings. Look for ways to integrate herbs into the home garden. Ten minute walk to Herb Garden.

Registration Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

3/22

SATURDAY

NEW MEMBER TRAM TOUR

Nelson Holmes
10 a.m.
Arboretum Entrance

Are you a new member of the California Arboretum Foundation? Have you experienced the New Member Tram Tour? Nelson Holmes, The Arboretum Senior Tour Guide, will host this morning gathering. He has become a favorite among the many members and guests that seek out his bird watching expertise as well as his widespread plant knowledge.

Registration Required
No Fee

Note: Special assistance is available for people with disabilities. Call the Program Manager at (818) 447-8207 at least one week prior to the program or event for specific requests.

MARCH

3/31-5/19

MONDAYS

BOTANICAL WATERCOLOR

Pat Brame, Nature Illustrator
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
8 meetings
Lecture Hall A

Using fresh flowers from the Garden, students will practice botanical illustration from pencil sketch to full color. Pat will give step by step instruction to both beginning and advanced students. Materials list will be given at first class.

Enrollment Limited
Registration Required
Members: \$55
Non-members: \$68

4/1-5/20

TUESDAYS

GREEN SIDE UP

Jan Smithen, Horticulture
Instructor
9:30 a.m. - Noon
8 meetings
Lecture Hall A

This basic gardening class will focus on propagation by cuttings and seeds as well as the organic approach to garden pests while teaching you how to build a more beautiful garden. There will be a roundtable discussion for garden questions. Earn a California Arboretum Foundation Certificate in Basic Gardening after completing three eight week sessions of this class.

Enrollment Limited
Registration Required
Members: \$65
Non-members: \$80

APRIL

4/3-5/15

THURSDAY

No Classes 4/24 and 5/1

FLOWER ARRANGING

Dorothyjean Spoelstra,
Judge, National Council
of State Garden Clubs
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Lecture Hall B

Each week's lecture and demonstration will focus on a different container style and size as well as appropriate plant material. Class participants will have an opportunity to make their own arrangement each week with guidance from the instructor.

Enrollment Limited
Registration Required
Members: \$35
Non-members: \$42

4/3-5/22

THURSDAYS

FANATIC GARDENERS I SOLD OUT

4/4-5/23

FRIDAYS

FANATIC GARDENERS II SOLD OUT

Jan Smithen's horticultural classes address the use of plant material, garden design, sources of material and include much discussion.

CAF office (818/447-8207)
for wait list information.

4/4-5/23

FRIDAYS

IKEBANA

Reiko Kawamura, Ohara
School Instructor
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
8 meetings
Lecture Hall B

In this popular workshop you will learn about Japanese cultural traditions while practicing the techniques of Moribana, Keiko, and landscape arrangements. Individual instruction is given to beginning through advanced students. Bring a 10" to 12" shallow container, clippers, a needle holder (minimum 3" round or rectangular). Fresh plant material is provided.

Enrollment Limited
Registration Required
Material fee:
\$24 to be paid to instructor
Members: \$55
Non-members: \$68

4/12

SATURDAY

GARDEN TREE CARE

Patrick McCullough, Arborist
9:30 a.m. - Noon
Lecture Hall A

This intensive morning workshop will address tree care including selection, watering, fertilizer choices, pruning techniques. Participants will have an opportunity to test their pruning skills and practice using a soil probe. Hints will be given on how to interview and select an arborist. Some walking involved.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

4/12

SATURDAY

CAMELLIA CULTURE

Marilee Gray, So. Calif.
Camellia Society
1 pm - 3 pm
At the Waterfall

It is time to reward your camellias for their gorgeous winter blooms. In this hands-on workshop learn how to prune camellias to shape, guide and control growth. Prepare garden camellias for summer with correct fertilizing and watering plans. Discussion of suitable companion plants. Ten minute walk to waterfall or buy a tram ticket and ride.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

4/16

WEDNESDAY

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

Janie Malloy, Home Grown,
Edible Landscaping
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Lecture Hall A

Enjoy your garden and harvest it too. Come learn how to plant and maintain an edible garden, mixing herbs, flowers, vegetables and fruit trees. Janie will present slides as well as answer your questions.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

GARDEN GUARDIANS



Wish List for Garden Guardianships

(Special Sponsorship Opportunities as of January 1, 1997)

Pathway Name Tiles	\$50 each
Tree Replacements	
24" Young Growth Trees	\$125 each
Mature Trees	\$750 each
Sculpture Garden	
<i>(All sculptures are to be pre-approved)</i>	
Stone Sculpture	\$500-\$5,000
Bronze Sculpture	\$6,000-\$30,000
Topiaries in each collection area	\$500-\$1,500
A giraffe in the African Section, a Kangaroo in the Australian Section, A dinosaur in the Cycad Garden.	
Drinking Fountains	\$750-\$1,500
These areas are pre-determined by existing water lines and may be a refurbishing of an existing or a new fountain.	
Herb Garden Planting <i>(semi-annual)</i>	\$1,500
Rose Garden Planting <i>(annual)</i>	\$1,800
Entrance Fountain Plantings <i>(four times each year)</i>	\$1,500 each \$6,000 yearly
Community and/or family garden	\$5,000
Weekly classroom adjacent to Roots & Shoots (endowment only).	
Celebrity Speaker Fund	\$7,000
Original Rock Gate Restoration	\$30,000-40,000
Gift Shop Canopy	\$20,000
Lake Refurbishing	\$1,000,000
Spread your wings wide and talk to us about; A Maze Garden, A Butterfly Garden, A Sensory Garden (endowments only).	

This is a partial listing; you may make your own original proposal for consideration.

MAY

JUNE

4/19

SATURDAY

WILDFLOWER BUS TOUR

Gary Wallace, Ph.D., Botanist
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Arboretum Entrance

Join an all day tour of the season's brightest wildflowers. Botanist Gary Wallace will scout the territory ahead of time to be sure to find the best displays. Learn to identify and enjoy California's spring time treasures. Bring lunch for a roadside picnic. Don't forget your camera, and be certain to bring a hat, sunglasses and water.

Space is limited
Reservations Required
Members: \$40
Non-members: \$50

4/24, 4/26 & 5/1

THURSDAY
SATURDAY

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Noella Ballenger, Nature
Photographer
4/24 & 5/1, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
4/26, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Lecture Hall A

Join this hands-on workshop to improve your photography skills. Classes emphasize composition, help sharpen technical skills, suggest ways to interpret what is seen on film using lectures, field work, evaluation and group discussion. Bring lots of film and your enthusiasm.

Enrollment Limited
Registration Required
Member: \$50
Non-member: \$60

4/29

TUESDAY

ROSES IN THE SPRING

Bill Robinson, Rosarian
9:30 a.m. - Noon
In the Rose Garden

Learn the techniques to keep roses blooming until next winter. Discussion will cover propagation. Ten minute walk to the Rose Garden.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members \$13

5/2

FRIDAY

BALDWIN BONANZA PARTY & PLANT SALE

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ayres Hall
Reservations Required: \$30

5/3

SATURDAY

BALDWIN BONANZA MEMBERS ONLY PLANT SALE

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Must show current membership card for admission. Memberships will be available for purchase.

5/3 & 5/4

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

BALDWIN BONANZA PUBLIC PLANT SALE

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Arboretum Admission Fees
apply to non-members.

5/31

SATURDAY

THE WORLD OF CLEMATIS

10 a.m. - Noon
Lecture Hall A
Edith Malek, President, So.
Cal. Clematis Society

This class will teach you to grow Clematis and dispel the myth that you can't grow them in So. California. You will learn how to use these beautiful vines in your garden.

Registration Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members \$13

6/8

SUNDAY

TOWARD A SIMPLER WAY OF LIFE

Robert Winter, editor
3 p.m., Ayres Hall

Robert Winter is Arthur G. Coons Professor of the History of Ideas, Emeritus of Occidental College, LA, will highlight a new book he has edited on the Arts and Crafts Architects of California. This slide lecture will celebrate California's Arts and Crafts Movement.

Reservations Required
Members and Non-members: \$10

6/18 - 7/23

WEDNESDAYS

FAMILY GARDENING

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Leigh Talmo,
Horticulture Instructor
Roots and Shoots Garden

Grandparents and grandchildren, Mom or Dad and the kids - come start a vegetable garden. Have your own plot in our vegetable garden and learn how to take home these newly learned skills.

Two adults, two children
(additional children \$12)
Space Limited
Reservations Required
Members: \$50
Non-members: \$60

6/21

SATURDAY

FOUR SEASONS OF HERBS

Paul Alderson,
Herb Specialist-Casa Colina
10 a.m. - Noon
In the Herb Garden

Learn about the richness of summer herbs — for refreshing drinks, delicate seasonings, ways to preserve. Ten minute walk to the Herb Garden.

Reservations Requested
Members: \$10
Non-members: \$13

6/21 - 8/2

SATURDAYS
NO CLASS 7/5

SIX SUMMER SATURDAYS

Jan Smithen, Horticulture
Instructor
9:30 a.m.-Noon
Lecture Hall A

Join a class on summer gardening featuring a variety summer garden tasks and pleasures. Opportunities to discuss your own garden questions.

Enrollment Limited
Reservations Required
Members: \$65
Non-members: \$80

March 1997

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
For more information call (818) 447-8207						1 Cymbidium Sale Caring for your Orchids
2 Cymbidium Sale	3 Botanical Watercolor	4 Green Side Up	5 *Walking Tour 11 am	6 Fanatic Gardener I	7 Fanatic Gardener II Ikebana	8 Perennials for Your Year Round Garden
9	10 Botanical Watercolor	11	12 *Walking Tour 11 am	13	14	15 *Environmental Education Fair
16 Jameson Lecture Series	17	18 *Arboretum Admission Free Today Bring a Friend	19 Spring Vegetable Gardening *Walking Tour 11 am	20	21	22 4 Seasons of Herbs New Member Tram Tour
23	24	25	26 *Walking Tour 11 am	27	28	29
30	31 Botanical Watercolor					

April 1997

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Green Side Up	2 *Walking Tour 11 am	3 Fanatic Gardeners I Flower Arranging	4 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana	5
6	7 Botanical Watercolor	8 Green Side Up	9 *Walking Tour 11 am	10 Fanatic Gardeners I Flower Arranging	11 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana	12 Garden Tree Care Camellia Culture
13	14 Botanical Watercolor	15 Green Side Up *Admission Free Today	16 Edible Landscaping *Walking Tour 11 am	17 Fanatic Gardeners I Flower Arranging	18 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana	19 Wildflower Bus Tour
20	21 Botanical Watercolor	22 Green Side Up	23 *Walking Tour 11 am	24 Fanatic Gardeners I Photo Workshop	25 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana	26 Photography Workshop
27	28 Botanical Watercolor	29 Green Side Up Roses in Spring	30 *Walking Tour 11 am	30		

May 1997

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				1 Fanatic Gardeners I Photography Workshop	2 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana Baldwin Bonanza	3 Baldwin Bonanza
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18 *Insect Fair	19 Botanical Watercolor	20 Green Side Up *Admission Free Today	21 *Walking Tour 11 am	22 Fanatic Gardeners I	23 Fanatic Gardeners II Ikebana	24
25	26	27	28 *Walking Tour 11 am	29	30	31 The World Of Clematis

June 1997

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 CAF Annual Meeting *Walking Tour 11 am	5	6	7
8 Robert Winter Talk	9	10	11 *Walking Tour 11 am	12	13	14 *California Art Club Show
15 *California Art Club Show	16 *California Art Club Show	17 *Admission Free Today *Ca. Art Club Show	18 Family Gardening *Walking Tour 11 am *Art Show	19 *California Art Club Show	20 *California Art Club Show	21 Six Summer Saturdays *Ca. Art Club Show
22 *California Art Club Show	23	24	25 Family Gardening *Walking Tour 11 am	26	27	28 Six Summer Saturdays
29	30					

* County Sponsored Event, call (818) 821-3222

Library Services Provide Education and Outreach

It was a very good year.

1950 proved to be an exhilarating year for The Arboretum staff as interest in the institution grew and areas of research were initiated. W. Quinn Buck came aboard bringing his extensive collection of Hemerocallis. After this, test planting of Eucalyptus and Acacia was established on the grounds, and cooperative research projects were undertaken. The first cooperative project was with the United States Department of Agriculture for testing of potential cortisone-producing plants. Other agencies included the

United States Soil Conservation Service, the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and the California Highway Department for freeway planting research. Earlier in the year, education and outreach were identified as an important focus of The Arboretum. A library committee, to serve the library that opened in 1948, was appointed by the California Arboretum Foundation (CAF) with an initial concentration on subtropical horticulture.

Library services became more and more important to Arboretum staff members during this period. Frans Verdoon, the first Arboretum Director, had procured the first 1,000 volumes to stock the shelves in 1948. By 1951 the library, in addition to other books and periodicals, boasted 46 volumes of photocopies of all the literature on begonias published throughout the world, donated by author Helen Krauss. The collection consisted of the entire body of work that served as research for her book, *Begonias for American Homes and Gardens*.

Today, the library is seen as an incredible resource by members of the general public. Primarily horticultural and botanic, the collection also includes smaller selections on related sciences, such as natural history and California history. Home gardeners looking for cultivation information, writers researching specific plants and ornamental horticulture and landscape architecture students are just a few examples of people who use the library as a primary resource.

The instant a visitor walks through the doors of the library, there is that glorious feeling, known only to committed library users, of being confronted with almost unlimited knowledge spread on tables and resting in the stacks. Presiding over this seemingly bottomless store of information is Plant Science Librarian, Joan DeFato.

For more than 20 years she has kept up with the fast mounting flow of information using every possible resource to service Arboretum staff and visitors.

DeFato keeps up with her profession and her constituents by serving on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Horticultural Foundation, publisher of *Pacific Horticulture*. She is a Past President of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, and is on the board, and membership secretary, for the Southern California Horticultural Society. She is also on the board, and Membership Director, of the Southern California Chapter of Special Libraries Association. The Library is of significant benefit to those in the community with or without a special interest in botany and horticulture," said CAF Board President Donald R. Deise. "The Arboretum is fortunate in the fact that we have so much talent in our professional staff, and Joan DeFato is a prime example of this talent."

Beyond the call of duty is the way Joan DeFato works. If there is a question she will probably have an answer, and if she doesn't, she will help you find it.

1997 is a very good year at The Arboretum. Make it the year to enjoy all of the benefits of this great institution by using it as a primary learning opportunity in your life.

"We are the children of our landscape; it dictates behavior and even thought in the measure to which we are responsive to it."

Lawrence Durrell

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To contact Joan DeFato call 818/821-3213. Or e mail at Callcafarb@aol.com

Environmental Education Fair

The 17th Annual Environmental Education Fair is held at The Arboretum on Saturday, March 15, from 9 am to 4 pm. It is sponsored by state environmental education grant funds in conjunction with Conservation Week and draws more than 3,000 visitors annually.

The day includes an extensive program beginning with an academic competition.

More than 60 educational and environmental exhibitors will entertain and inform visitors of all ages with hands-on natural science projects.

Presentation of the Green City Grant special recognition awards funded by the Oak Tree

Foundation and sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation will be given for planting trees in schools and public areas.

The Environmental Education Fair provides a rare opportunity to share a day of outdoor beauty at The Arboretum while becoming environmentally aware. Don't miss it! (Arboretum fees apply - reference calendar)



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Field Leaders — The Ultimate Experience

Members of Los Vols undertake many jobs.

Introducing children, who are in the primary grades, to the Arboretum by teaching environmental awareness and California history, is one of the most important functions of Los Vols. Field Leader is the title given to those undertaking the responsibility of these popular tours.

Teachers, from public and private schools alike, work with the scheduling committee of Los Vols to arrange times and make assignments for Field Leaders to lead the 60-90 minute tours.

The 30 Field Leaders are well prepared to meet the challenge of a group of highly charged young people, having completed a vigorous comprehensive training course in addition to the six week orientation program required of all volunteers. Professional members of The Arboretum staff provide training in such

areas as basic botany, uses of plants by man, early California Native Americans, Arboretum birds, early California history relating to the historic buildings on The Arboretum site, and more.

Chairing the Field Leaders this year are Jeannine and Otto Kiertzner, who along with 22 year veteran Siby Minton, agree that being with children is what draws them to the job. "It's the kids, they really light a fire," said Minton. The Kiertznerns note that the children are "awe-struck" by The Arboretum and say they want to live in the Queen Anne Cottage!

On a recent tour, one small boy from the inner-city kept looking for the graves! It seems that the only tree-filled area he had ever seen was a cemetery. This look at The Arboretum, through the wide eyes of a child, give Field Leaders an even greater appreciation of the place they love.

"I like the tour," wrote a youngster in

one of hundreds of letters lavishly illustrated in living crayon, "especially the peacocks. I think those peacocks were pretty with their tails out." Of the Koi fish one child wrote, "son bonitos los pescados de colores tambien."

"I learned that plants and people need each other."

Another child observed that the "cotton was the coolest because I didn't know where cotton came from, but the strawberries were cool too because I didn't know that strawberries came from flowers."

But perhaps this touching and gratifying comment, from a satisfied tour-goer, sums it all up: "I learned that plants and people need each other." ❁

REGISTRATION

CLASSES AT THE ARBORETUM

3/31-5/19 Botanical Watercolor	Members @ \$55	Non-members @ \$68	\$
4/1-5/20 Green Side Up	Members @ \$65	Non-members @ \$80	\$
4/3-5/15 Flower Arranging	Members @ \$35	Non-members @ \$42	\$
4/4-5/23 Ikebana	Members @ \$55	Non-members @ \$68	\$
4/24, 4/26, 5/1 Photography Workshop	Members @ \$50	Non-members @ \$60	\$
6/18-7/23 Family Gardening	Members @ \$50	Non-members @ \$60	\$
6/21-8/2 Six Summer Saturdays	Members @ \$65	Non-members @ \$80	\$

WEEKDAY PROGRAMS AT THE ARBORETUM

3/19 Spring Vegetable Gardening	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
4/16 Edible Landscaping	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
4/29 Roses in the Spring	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$

WEEKEND PROGRAMS AT THE ARBORETUM

3/8 Perennials for Your Year Round Garden	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
3/22 Four Seasons of Herbs	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
4/12 Garden Tree Care	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
4/12 Camellia Culture	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
4/19 Wildflower Bus Tour	Members @ \$40	Non-members @ \$50	\$
5/31 The World of Clematis	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$
6/21 Four Seasons of Herbs	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$13	\$

LECTURES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

3/16 Guy Cooper, "Paradise Transformed"	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$15	\$
6/8 Bob Winter, "Toward a Simplier Life"	Members @ \$10	Non-members @ \$10	\$

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Advance reservations are recommended for all classes and events. Registration may be made by mail, in person or on the day of the event as space permits.

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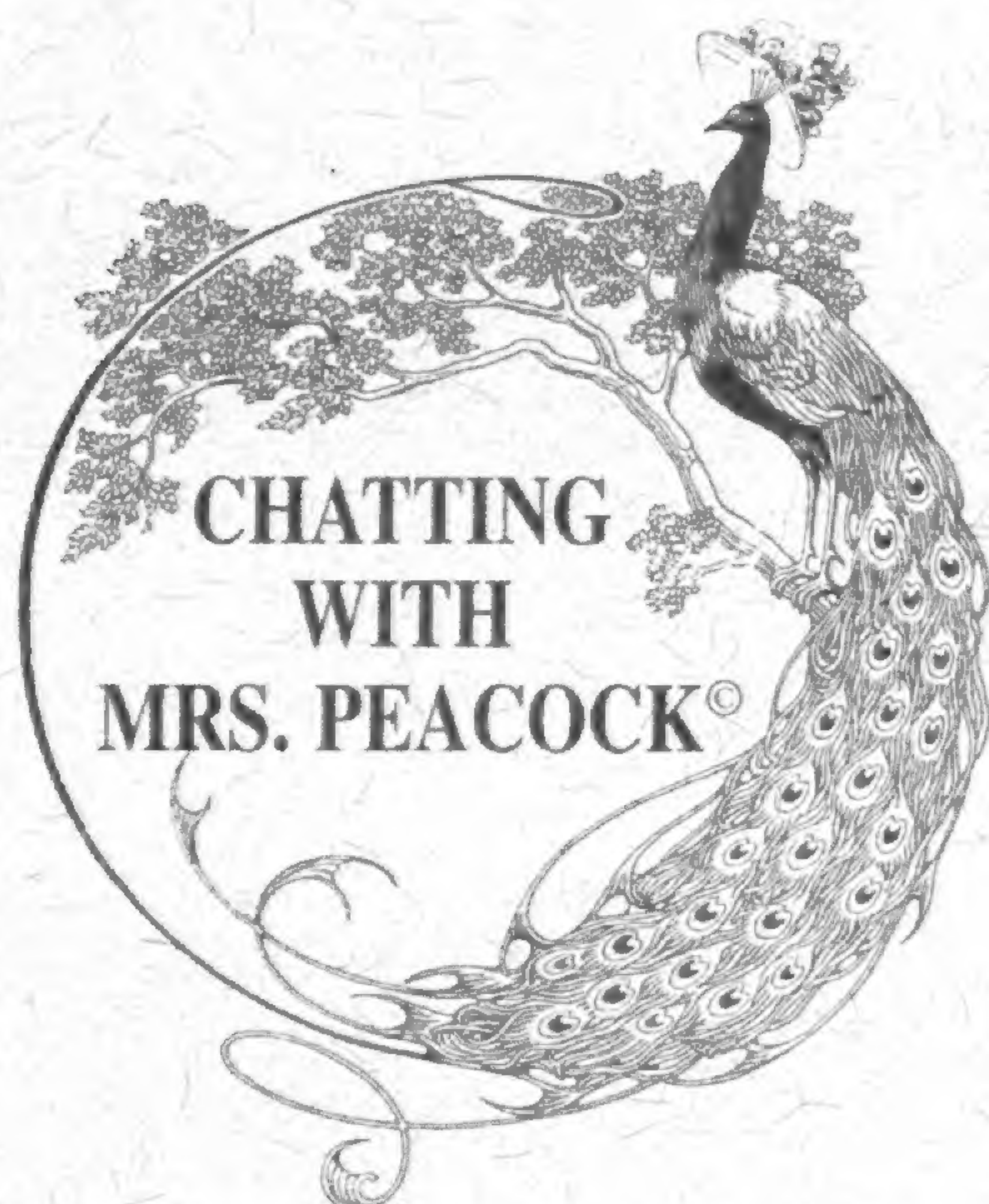
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Fame has its critics. I blush to find that some of my readers think I have quite gone around the bend since my recognition factor has climbed so quickly. One must look at these things

squarely, so I took a chance and talked to Martha S., whose wisdom and prosperity far exceedeth mine. "Mrs. Peacock," she said, (this is when I wish I had a first name) "one does have to be careful. I myself am a simple person, just look at my hair! But I have critics who also believe I have just created something out of nothing. That I am a mere flash packet!" Suffice to say, this conversation helped me not, but I do know where my roots are...well, at least since I left India. Love of The Arboretum far exceeds my love of self, and you my readers know of what I speak. It is Spring and time to Meet and Discover the roots of our existence and the opportunities to learn and extend ourselves. As the oldest living resident at The Arboretum I remember when

The Arboretum was not The Arboretum. So much history is here. So many stories, told and not told. It is time now to reflect. Not live in the past, but learn from it and take care to make the present and future of this site live up to the dreams of all those who were here before we came upon the scene. We are at the beginning of a Biennium celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the California Arboretum Foundation. February, 1948-1998. Let's do something to really celebrate! (I'll kick off my part by getting those peachicks home from boarding school to serve on some committees, buying tons of plants at Baldwin Bonanza the first weekend in May, and I'll send Martha S. the name of my feather stylist)



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